

Sixty-seventh  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1183**

Introduced by

Representatives Louser, Headland, Magrum, Mock, Roers Jones, Weisz

Senators Burckhard, Klein, Luick, Myrdal, Vedaa

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact ~~atwo~~ new ~~section~~sections to chapter 23-35 ~~and a new~~  
2 ~~chapter to title 43~~ of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to requiring public health units to  
3 adopt the technical guide for onsite wastewater recycling treatment and establishing the  
4 ~~licensing of installers of onsite sewage treatment systems~~wastewater recycling technical  
5 committee; and to provide for application; ~~and to provide a penalty.~~

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

7 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 23-35 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
8 and enacted as follows:

9 **Public health units to adopt onsite wastewater recycling treatment guide.**

10 Each public health unit shall adopt the statewide technical guide for onsite wastewater  
11 recycling treatment technologies and sewage distribution technologies established by the onsite  
12 wastewater recycling technical ~~board~~committee.

13 ~~— **SECTION 2.** A new chapter to title 43 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and~~  
14 ~~enacted as follows:~~

15 ~~— **Definitions.**~~

16 ~~— As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:~~

17 ~~— 1. "Board" means the onsite wastewater recycling technical board.~~

18 ~~— 2. "Director" means the director of the department of environmental quality.~~

19 ~~— 3. "Installer" means an individual licensed by the board to install onsite wastewater~~  
20 ~~sewage treatment systems.~~

21 ~~— **Onsite wastewater recycling technical board - Appointment - Term of office.**~~

22 ~~— 1. The onsite wastewater recycling technical board consists of:~~

23 ~~— a. The director or the director's designee;~~

~~b. Two representatives of a local public health unit appointed by the governor from a list of names forwarded by local public health units; and~~

~~c. Four individuals who must be installers, except the initial appointment for installers who must be eligible for licensure, appointed by the governor. The governor shall appoint the individuals from a list of names forwarded by a professional onsite wastewater recycling association.~~

~~2. The director or the director's designee shall serve as chairman of the board and is an ex officio member of the board. The terms of the other board members are for four years and members may be reappointed.~~

~~3. The board shall meet at the call of the chairman or a majority of the members.~~

~~**Powers and duties of board.**~~

~~The board:~~

~~1. Shall create a statewide technical guide for onsite wastewater recycling treatment technologies and sewage distribution technologies.~~

~~2. Shall establish standards and procedures for issuing a license.~~

~~3. Shall issue a license to an applicant who satisfies the requirements for licensure.~~

~~4. May establish continuing education requirements for license renewal.~~

~~5. Shall renew a license to a qualified applicant.~~

~~6. May deny, suspend, or revoke a license for cause after notice and opportunity for hearing.~~

~~7. Shall establish reasonable fees for issuing or renewing a license.~~

~~8. Shall develop a product review and registration process and maintain a list of registered products for onsite wastewater recycling systems.~~

~~9. May issue an opinion regarding the interpretation of the statewide technical guide for onsite wastewater recycling technologies and sewage distribution technologies if a dispute arises between an installer and a public health unit.~~

~~10. Shall adopt rules as necessary to administer and enforce this chapter.~~

~~**License required - Exemption.**~~

~~1. Effective January 1, 2022, an individual may not engage in the business of installing an onsite sewage treatment system unless licensed by the board. To remain licensed~~

~~in good standing, an installer shall comply with this chapter and any rules adopted by the board.~~

~~2. An individual is exempt from the requirements of this chapter if the individual is installing an onsite sewage treatment system on the individual's premises for the individual's use.~~

~~**Violation of chapter - Penalty.**~~

~~An individual who installs an onsite sewage treatment system for another person without being licensed under this chapter or an individual who violates this chapter or a rule adopted under this chapter is guilty of an infraction.~~

**SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 23-35 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Onsite wastewater recycling technical committee - Appointment - Duties.**

1. The onsite wastewater recycling technical committee consists of:

a. Three representatives of a local public health unit appointed by the governor from a list of names forwarded by local public health units; and

b. Four individuals who must be installers appointed by the governor. The governor shall appoint the individuals from a list of names forwarded by a professional onsite wastewater recycling association. For purposes of this section, an installer means an individual licensed by a local public health unit to install onsite wastewater sewage treatment systems.

2. The director of the department of environmental quality or the director's designee shall provide input at the request of the committee.

3. The terms of the committee members are for four years, and members may be reappointed.

4. The committee shall:

a. Meet at the call of a majority of the members.

b. Create a statewide technical guide for onsite wastewater recycling treatment technologies and sewage distribution technologies.

c. Recommend standards and procedures for issuing an installer license.

d. Recommend continuing education requirements for installer license renewal.

e. Recommend reasonable fees for issuing or renewing an installer license.

1       **SECTION 3. APPLICATION.** The governor shall appoint individuals to fill the  
2       ~~board~~committee positions in accordance with this Act, and the terms of those appointees must  
3       be staggered so not more than two positions expire in any year. To accomplish the staggering,  
4       the initial term of those appointees may be for less than four years.